

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: HOLTZAPPLE, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/698,199  
Filing Date: October 31, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 1744  
Confirmation No.: 9996  
Examiner: William H. Beisner  
Title: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PRETREATMENT  
AND PROCESSING OF BIOMASS**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the below comments.